The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, May 8, 1727.

From the London Gazette, April 29.

Lisbon, April 21. N. S.

THE 15th Inst. arrived here the Marquis de los Balbases, Ambassador extraordinary from his Catholick Majesty to this Court. He was received at the Water-Side, and conducted to his House by the Conde de Ovidos, who was by the King of Portugal deputed for that Purpose. The 17th the said Ambassador visited the Secretary of State, and the Day after had a private Audience of their Portuguese Majesties. The 17th Inst. sailed from hence Nossa Senhora Livramento, a Portuguese Man of War bound for Goa. On the 12th and 13th Instant arrived here the Sloop Fisher Thomas Oates Master, and the Betty Galley, commanded by James Norcom, each in three Days from Gibraltar. The Masters report, That on the 7th Instant, the Torbay Man of War arrived there, with all the Transports and Store Ships under her Convoy, that the Soldiers were all landed, and they were using the utmost Expedition in getting ashore the Artillery and Stores: That Sir Charles Wager was there with his Squadron, except only two sixty Gun Ships which were left to cruize off Cadix; that all the 3d Rates were taking in their Water in haste, the Admiral intending to hoist his Flag on board the Torbay and return to Sea on the 11th Inst. leaving 4 50 Gun Ships in the Bay, and two sixth Rates on the back of the Mountain, for the Assistance of the Garison, and for preventing all Communication with the Spanish Army by Water. When these Masters came away they had only lost 14 Men in the Place.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, April 29.

Petersburg, April 16. The Rivers beginning to be free from Ice, they talk much of a great Fleet being speedily equipped.

Vienna, April 23. We are assured that the Conferences at Court turn chiefly upon the Preliminaries proposed for holding a Congress, and that a great Progress is already made in this good Affair.

London, April 29. There is Advice, that the *Pucket*, Captain Adamson, arrived at Lisbon the 8th Inst. O. S. which Ship sailed from England the 3d, the same Day on which the *Prince Frederick* and *Yarmouth* Men of War, with the Earl of Portmore, and the Transports with the 10 Companies of Foot Guards &c. sailed from Portsmouth for Gibraltar.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, May 6.

Versailles, April 17. The Duke de Main and the Count de Tholouse have been complimented by the Lords and Ladies of the Court, upon the Honours and Prerogatives which the King has conferred on the Princes their Children. The Prince de Chalais is gone into Spain, by his Majesty's Permission, in order to serve his Catholick Majesty as Lieutenant of the Life-Guards.

Brussels, May 1. Two Battallions of the Regiment of Herberstein, and one of Sikingen, are marched into Luxemburg, where 5 more are expected. The other Imperial Troops which are coming into this Country, are filing off from the Rhine towards Ruremond, where they are to cross the River Maese.

Copenhagen, April 20. The Minister of Russia having insisted for some Privileges in favour of the Russian Ships passing the Sound, Mr. de Hagen first Secretary, told him, That his Danish Majesty had resolved to allow the Foreign Ships which shall pass the Sound all the usual Favours, they paying the Impost at Cronenburg; but that all Men of War freighted with Merchandice were to be excepted, the Governor of Cronenburg having Orders to inspect these Vessels, and even to arrest them, if they should pretend to defraud; and for that Effect, 2 great arm'd Prahms were posted on the Side of Elsinore, forasmuch as Advice was come to hand that some Fregats were going to sail from Riga for the North Sea.

From the Evening Post, April 29.

Copenhagen, April 26. Our Fleet is equipping in such Diligence, that 3 Ships of the Line are already in the Road, and will furthwith be followed by 3 more.

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London, *April* 29. Sir John Norris, on board of one of the Admiralty Barges, fell down the River by Yesterday's Evening-tide, to go on board the Cornwall Man of War, to take upon him the Command of the Fleet bound to the Baltick, which is to sail first fair Wind.

S. S. Stock, 104, 1 4th.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, *April* 29.

Vienna, *April* 16. The Duke de Bournonville sent lately an Express to his Court, acquainting his Master, That the Imperial Troops which were ordered for the Rhine, were countermanded, on account of some new Proposition from the Allies of Hanover, which were now under Consideration; and that they were look'd upon to be such as our Court seem'd inclin'd to hearken.

Stockholm, *April* 23. 'Tis observed here, that since the Accession of this Crown to the Treaty of Hanover, neither the Russian nor Imperial Ministers have come to Court.

From the Daily Journal, *April* 29.

Hamburg, *April* 28. Letters from Petersburg import, that the Russian Fleet was not like to be ready before the 15th of next Month, by which Time the British Fleet was expected at Copenhagen to join the Danish Squadron. The Russians which are to be employed in the Emperor's Service, have begun their March towards Silesia.

Berlin, *April* 28. Baron Keppel the Dutch Ambassador, had on the 29th Instant the Honour to sup with his Majesty; and 'tis said his Commission relates to a Body of Troops, in case the States should be attacked by the Emperor.

From Mist's Weekly Journal, *April* 29.

Exon. April 24. There having been a Report for 2 or 3 Days together, That Langley and his Man Hall, who were reprieved *sine die* by the Judge, (on account of some Circumstances in the Trial) were to be executed on Friday first; a great Number of People were gathered together on the occasion, till finding it given out otherwise at the Jail, were going back again: But an Arch Fellow, a Publican, who had propagated the first Rumour, told them, that the contrary Story was given out by Mr. Langley's Direction to prevent a Crowd; and then sent a Fellow with two Ropes to the Gallows, to fix them ready as if it were for the Criminals, and follows himself with some Hogsheads of Cyder, which brought a vast Multitude of People to the Place, who soon took off his Liquor, but were so incenced at the Disappointment, that they had like to have hang'd up the Landlord for his Ingenuity.

P. S. At the last Assizes held at Limmerick in Ireland, one Father Kelly, a Priest, was tryed for marrying a Roman and a Protestant, contrary to Law; for which he was tried condemned and executed.

Paris, *May* 3. On the 26th past the Cardinal de Fleury presided in the Assembly of the Royal Academy of Sciences. M. de Mettau made an Oration, in which he demonstrated that the Moon turns round the Earth.

London, *April* 29 Some Days ago a Maiden Lady at Westminster, of about 55 Years of Age, and 800 l. a year, made an Offer of Marriage to her Coachman, and directed him to drive for that Purpose to St. Margaret's Church: But he being startled at the Proposal, took her for delirious, and instantly went for the Apothecary; who judging better, introduced his Son on this critical Occasion, whom she accepted and married immediately, to the great Mortification of the honest Coachman.

The *Edinburgh*, Capt. Gibs, the *Clementina* Capt. Parks, and three other Ships, all bound from Bourdeaux to Leith, were lately taken by an Algerine, for want of Mediterranean-Passes.

Wye's Letter verbatim, *London*, *May* 2.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

THE Bill for promoting the Fishery and Manufactures in Scotland, enacts, That his Majesty may authorize a Number of Persons to be Commissioners for putting the said Bill in Execution, and also a Casheer to the said Commissioners; and that the Lords of the Treasury may issue Warrants to the proper Persons for making Payment of all such Sums as shall become due and payable. A *Proviso*, That the Trustees shall lay before his Majesty such Alterations as they shall see expedient for amending the Plan or Method established for encouraging the Fishery and Manufactures, and that he may, or his Heirs and Successors, by Letters Patent, alter the Plan, and settle a new one; which shall continue in Force until altered by his Majesty, or his Heirs and Successors.

All Accounts agree, that the Spaniards will soon quit the Siege of Gibraltar. Mean time a Notion is entertain'd by some, than which nothing can be

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more absurd and ridiculous, That that strong Fortress, which the Spaniards are not able to reduce by Force of Arms, will be delivered up by Treaty. Others again begin with new Jealousies touching the Disposition of the French, to whom 'tis pretended the Emperor has made very great Offers. But under the present Juncture, we may expect that false and scandalous Reports will be spread, and that the Stockjobbers, according to their vicious Practice, will have a Lye for the Day.

Yesterday arrived in the Downs the Welcome, in 18 Days from Gibraltar, and brought thence near 1000 Letters dated 12th April, O. S. among others the following.

From on board the Royal Oak, April 11.

" Count de las Torres the Spanish General " gave out, That he would take the Garison by " the 15th Instant N. S. but has falsified his " Word so far, as that yet they have done us " little Damage, having killed us not above ten " Men, and we them many Hundreds; for every " Night, besides Shot, we throw in 100 Bombs " and Coehorns at once, and they never above 7: " And this Night the Garison having erected " more Mortars in their Lines, design to ply " them with 200 Shells at one Time. Deserters " come in every Day, who say we destroy them a- " bundance of Men, and that they are very feeble."

On the 9th Instant arrived the Transports from Port Mahon, with 500 Soldiers. Mean Time 'tis said there are some Accounts which intimate, that the Court of Madrid has resolved to send the Assistance which has been promised to the Count de las Torres.

A Ship with Arms on board, said to be bought in Holland for the Spaniards at Cadix, whereof an Irishman is Commander, is seized at Portsmouth.

Seven Ships are rebuilding in the King's Yard at Woolwich, one whereof is the Neptune of 90 Guns, 2 of 80 Guns each, one of 50, one of 40, and two of 20 Guns each, and the Number of Workmen in the said Yard are encreased with 60 Shipwrights and 30 Labourers.

Yesterday the Commons ordered the Scots Linen Manufactory Bill to be engrossed.

We have an Account from Ireland of a violent Storm, wherein divers Ships and People were cast away at Wicklew and thereabouts, and such Torrents of Water came from the Mountains that carried away great Quantities of Linen which lay a bleaching in the Meadows near Dublin.

This Day the Commons in a Committee, went through the Bill, raising 370,000 L. off the Surplus of the Duty on Coals.

Nothing extraordinary from the Lords.

Mr. Fisher, an Attorney at Law, was last Saturday committed to Newgate on a strong Suspicion of the Murder of Mr. Derby Junior. The Particulars being in the Prints, we refer you thereto; as also for the Treatment of Mr. Hutchen, who stood in the Pillory this Day for Sodomitical Practices, received from the Populace.

Yesterday Sir John Norris sailed for the Baltick with his Squadron.

His Majesty has appointed the Baron de St. Saphorin, Brigadier-General of the Forces.

From the Daily Journal, May 2.

Petersburg, April 16. The Report still continues, that our Fleet will put to Sea assoon as the Season will permit.

Stockholm, April 23. We are told, that our Squadron will be ready to sail assoon as the British arrives in the Baltick.

From the Evening Post, May 1.

Madrid, April 15. The freshest Advices from Gibraltar, made publick, are of the 5th Inst. and import, That from the 31st of last Month to that Day no great Progress was made in the Siege, but that they were in Expectation of nine fresh Battallions, after the Arrival of whom, they would try whether it was possible to carry on the Works any faster.

Paris, April 28. The Duke de Maine and Count de Tholouse his Brother, have, with the King's Leave, sent an Express to Madrid, to acquaint their Catholick Majesties with the Favour which the King has lately pleased to grant them, in restoring to them and their Children the Rights and Privileges conferred on them by his late Majesty, for which Favour they are chiefly indebted to the good Offices of Cardinal de Fleury.

Brussels, May 5. The Archdutchess our Governess received Advice last Thursday, that a Reinforcement of 3 Imperial Regiments were arrived, and were shortly to be followed by 8 more.

London, May 2. Sir Robert Walpole is very well recovered of his late violent Indisposition.

By a private Letter from Gibraltar we have an Ac-

Account, That one Mr. Merrick a Volonteer in that Place, had had his Arm ſhot off by a Cannon Ball, and died in 24 Hours after.

S. S. Stock, 104, 3 4ths.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, May 2.

Hague, May 6. N. S. There are Letters that would inſinuate, that the Count de Belisle had an Interview with Count Kinski, nominated the Emperor's Ambaſſador to the Court of France, upon the Road betwixt Manheim and Vienna: But our Advices from Paris contradict that Report, and charge it as a Deſign to create Miſunderſtandings among the Allies of Hanover; the Count de Beliſle's Commiſſion extending no farther than to view the Forttreſſes upon the Frontiers of Germany, and to give the Court an Account of the Condition he found them in. The Siege of Gibraltar draws to an End, all our Letters from Madrid agree, that the Spaniards will be obliged to raiſe the Siege; but they ſay it will not be till they have made their laſt Effort. They pretend in ſhort, That the Count de las Torres is ordered to make a Breach, and ſtorm the Town before he quits his Undertaking, but we hardly believe he will venture to do it, after the Arrival of the 3d Convoy from England.

London, May 2. Some Days ago there happened at Holm-Pierpoint in Notinghamſhire, betwixt 8 & 9 in the Morning, a very black Cloud with a Storm of Wind, it was as dark as at a total Eclipſe: There fell from the Cloud a great Ball of Fire into the River Trent, with a prodigious great Noiſe like a Clap of Thunder, which beat the Water out of the River with ſo great Force, that it fell all over the Gardens, and a Plot of Trees, affrighting all the People prodigiouſly of the Village called Home-Lane.

Sir John Norris was not ſail'd this Morning from the Nore.

From the Daily Journal, May 2.

Hague, May 5. Letters from Spain ſay, that all the Seamen who were in the Neighbourhood of Barcelona were ordered to be ready to embark; and that the Troops which were ordered for Gibraltar having ſince been ordered to halt, occaſioned a Report of a Deſign againſt Portmahon.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, May 2.

Vienna, April 23. We are expecting the Return of a Courier from Paris, to know whether that Court agrees to our Propoſitions. Mean time the March of our Troops is countermanded.

Stockholm, April 23. The Miniſters of the Emperor and of the Czarina, have not appeared at Court, ever ſince this Crown has acceded to the Treaty of Hanover. Mean while, Anſwers to their laſt Memorials have been delivered to them.

Edinburgh, May 8. On Thurſday laſt the Reverend Mr. William Hamilton, Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſity here, was choſen Moderator of the General Aſſembly.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†§† That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 3d Inſt. did unanimouſly agree to raiſe a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock; and did order the ſame to be paid in to their Treaſurer on or before the 15th Day of June next: With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.

†*† To be Lett for the Space of Ten Years, ſome Parks at STOBS, (in the Pariſh of Temple) ſeven Miles from Edinburgh, conſiſting of about 200 Acres of Ground, moſt all incloſed with Stone Dykes, the Parks well watered, and good Beild. Any who has a mind to take them, may be further informed by Capt. Alexander Burnet at his Lodgings in Briſto, Commiſſar Hamilton's Land.

¶‖¶ That ſuch as are Subſcribers for Sir GEORGE MACKENZIE's WORKS, or the COLLECTIONS OF CONFESSIONS, do call at Thomas Heriot Bookſeller in the Parliament Cloſe for their Copies, betwixt and Whitſunday next, otherwiſe to be liable for Shop-rent.

¶§¶ There is a fine large Milk Aſs of a good Kind, new Colted, to be ſold at a reaſonable Price. Enquire at the Keeper of John's Coffeehouſe, who will inform of the Owners Name, and where the Aſs and Colt may be ſeen.

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N. B. The firſt Quarter of the Eighth Year commenced the 25th paſt: Therefore the Author expects the bygone Arrears will be ſent up, together with the current Quarter, as they expect to be punctually ſerved.